



October 26, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA), we are writing to strongly endorse the nomination of Russell Selken to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by the State E-rate Coordinators Alliance (SECA).

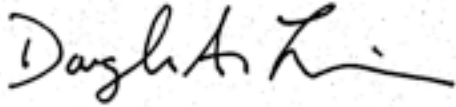
Mr. Selken is extremely knowledgeable in both the administrative and technical aspects of E-Rate from the applicant perspective and would bring a deep understanding of the on-the-ground implementation of the program – and all its complexities – to the USAC Board, including the evolving technology-related needs of schools and libraries.

Moreover, Mr. Selken, who sits on the California Public Utilities Commission and plays an instrumental role in the California K-12 High Speed Network, is well-versed in the broader state-level context for the implementation and need for the program, having led work in establishing a state consortium applicant group within SECA to bring to light unique state network issues.

The challenges facing schools and libraries in ensuring access to a cost-effective infrastructure capable of delivering education in increasingly digital formats are real and significant. If schools are to meet the SETDA recommendations for minimum connectivity to fully participate in digital teaching, learning, assessment and professional development

as detailed in our report, *The Broadband Imperative*, we need strong leadership on the USAC Board. For this reason and given his unique qualifications, SETDA is pleased to offer this endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas A. Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Douglas" being the most prominent.

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